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**Lt. Governor seeking nominations for 2016 AgriVision Award**

**INDIANAPOLIS (May 31, 2016)** – The Office of [Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb](#) is seeking nominations for the [2016 AgriVision Award](#). The award is given to a Hoosier who has demonstrated exemplary leadership to maximize the potential of Indiana agriculture.

"Indiana continues to be a global leader in agriculture because of the exceptional men and women that make up the industry," said Lt. Governor Holcomb. "I look forward to honoring one such individual during the Indiana State Fair – our state's largest celebration of agriculture."

Currently in its 10th year, the AgriVision Award is open to any current Indiana resident and all sectors of agriculture – from bioenergy to livestock to trade. It was specifically created to honor an individual who has reshaped Indiana agriculture through innovation, technological advances or by developing new agribusiness methods.

The award will be presented by Lt. Governor Holcomb during the Celebration of Agriculture taking place on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 from 3:30p.m. to 5:00p.m. in the Normandy Barn during the [Indiana State Fair](#).

Applications can be found by visiting [www.in.gov/isda/3367.htm](http://www.in.gov/isda/3367.htm) and are due by 5:00p.m. on July 1, 2016.

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**ABOUT ISDA**

The [Indiana State Department of Agriculture](#) (ISDA) was established as a separate state agency by the Legislature in 2005. The Director is appointed by the Governor and is a member of the Governor's Cabinet. Administratively, ISDA reports to [Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb](#), who also serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. Major responsibilities include advocacy for Indiana agriculture at the local, state and federal level, managing soil conservation programs, promoting economic development and agricultural innovation, serving as a regulatory ombudsman for agricultural businesses, and licensing grain firms throughout the state.

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